

# **JAMAICA LIBRARY SERVICE**

**CARIBBEAN BOOKS EVERY  
JAMAICAN CHILD SHOULD  
READ: A SELECT LIST**





## *Criteria for Selection*

The books are arranged according to age groups and were selected based on the following criteria:

- Representative of the Jamaican and Caribbean culture
- Notable children's favourites
- Reflect the unique experiences of children
- Of intrinsic literary and artistic value
- Appropriate for the intended age levels





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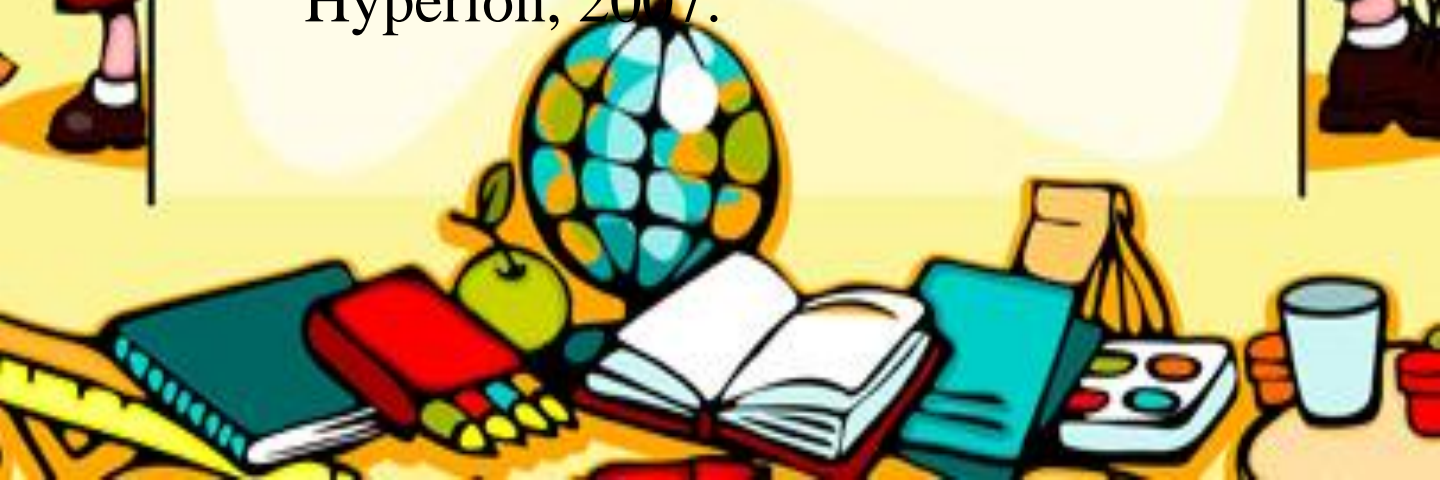
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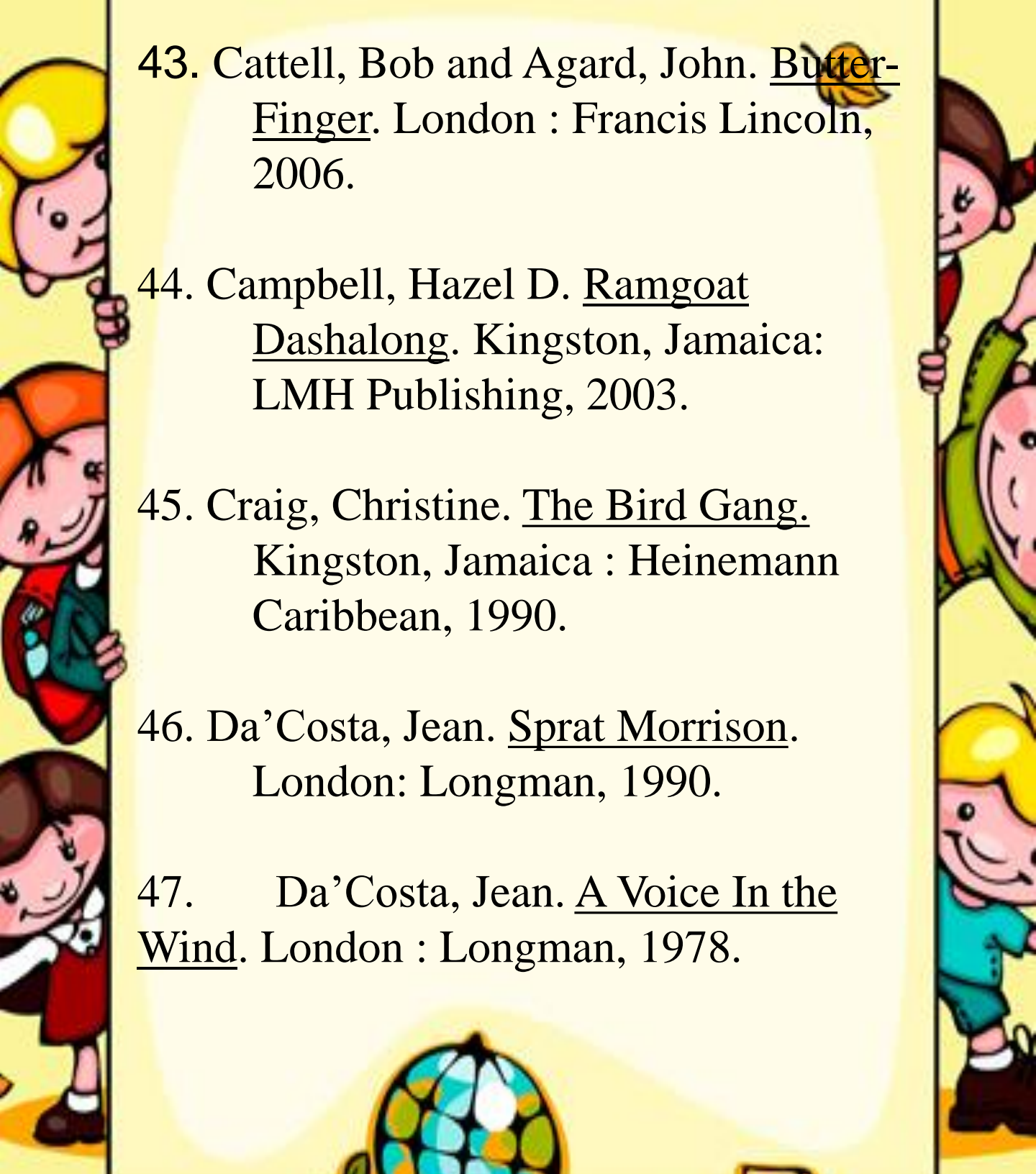
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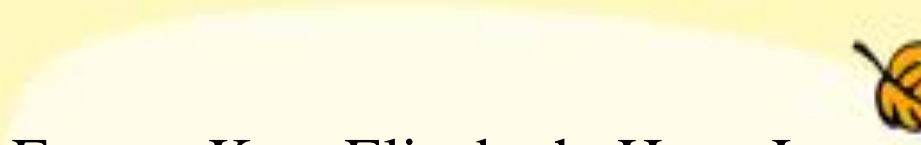
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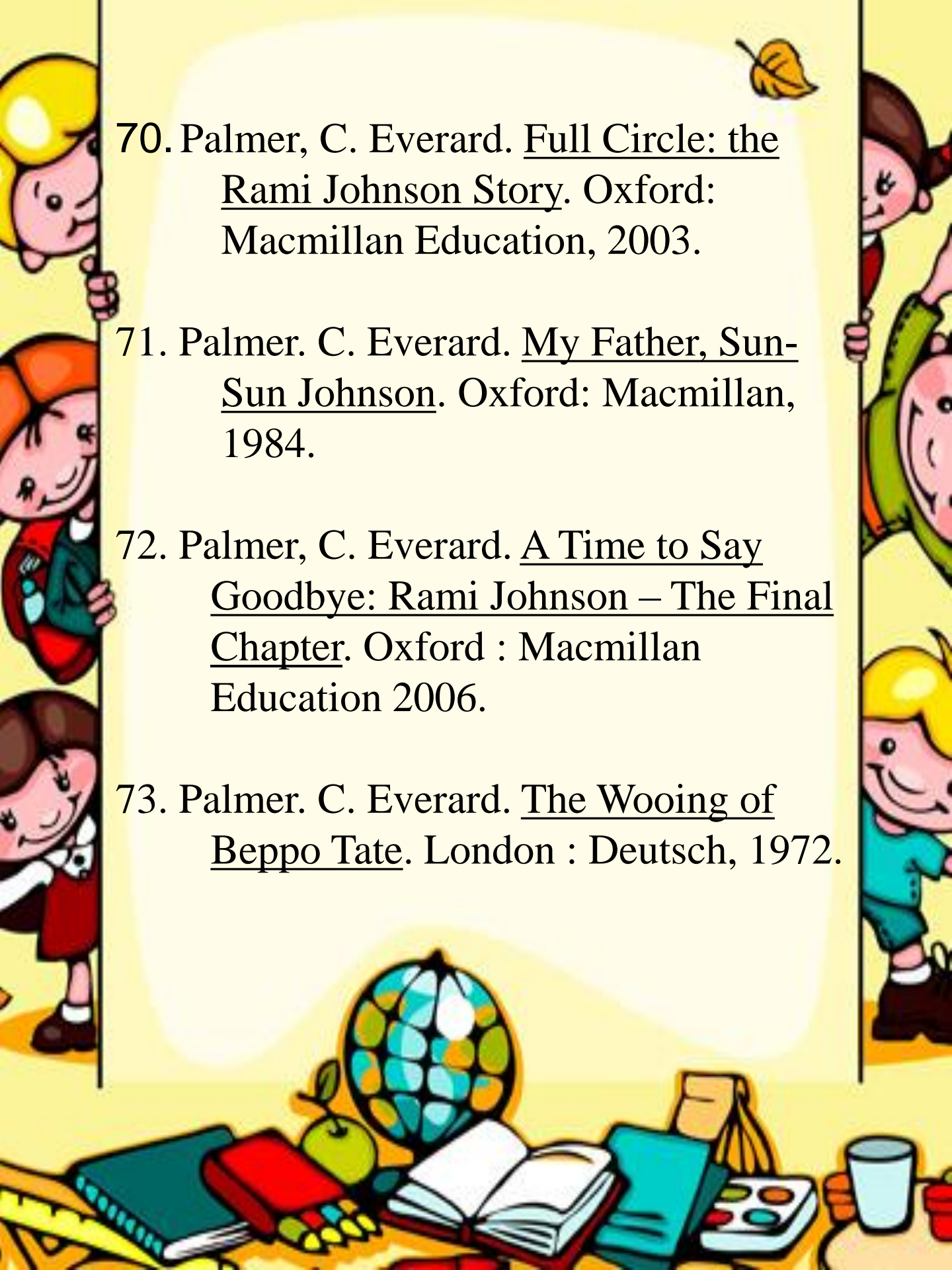
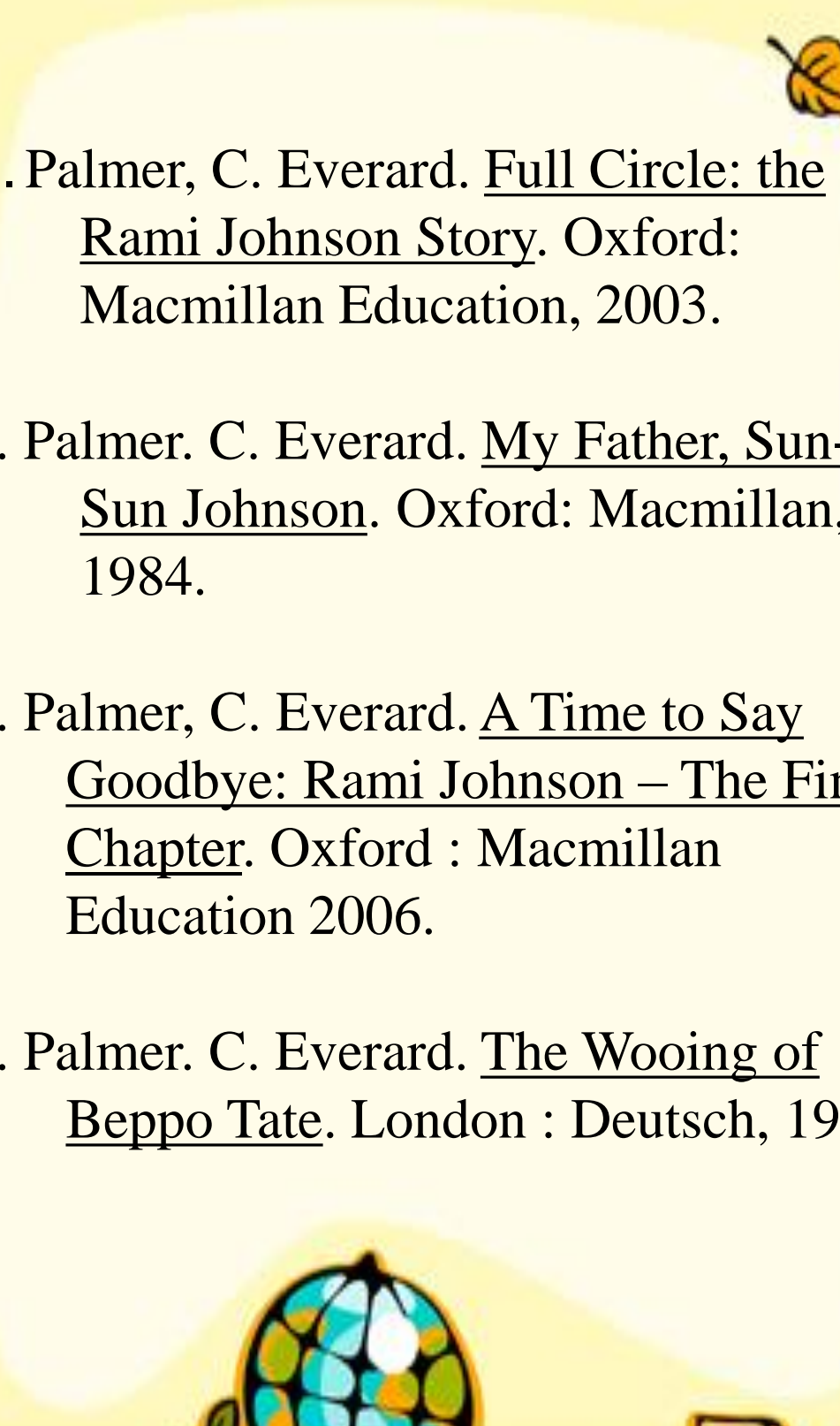
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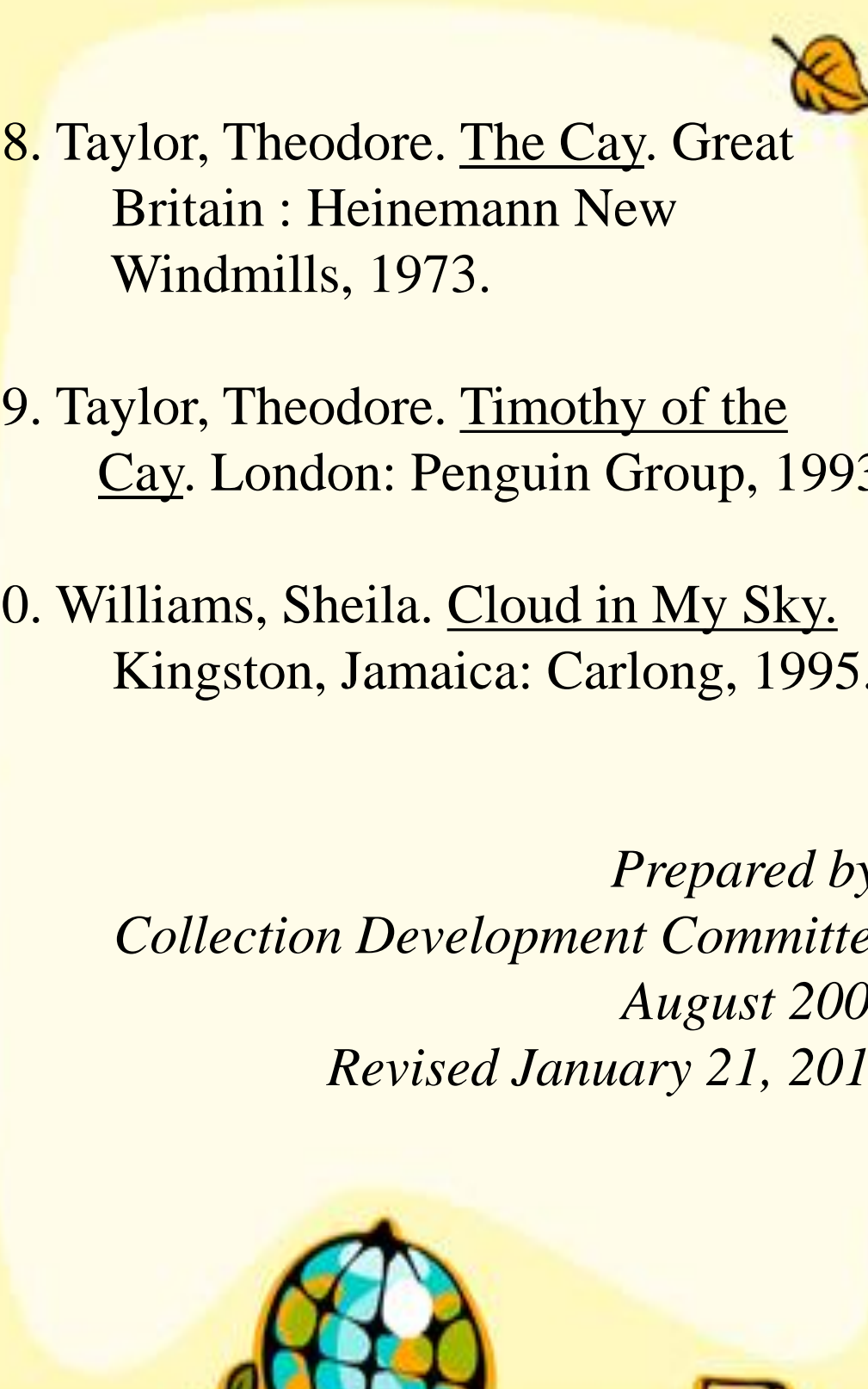
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